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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Attorney Ref. No. 96-223-ZZ)

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In re the Application of:

Tamburini et al.

Application No.: 09/974,026
Filing Date: October 10, 2001

For: Human Bikunin

Examiner: not yet assigned

Group Art Unit: not yet assigned

PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The applicants request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed December 4, 2001. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for an extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted.

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Dated: March 1, 2002

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